GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

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Proliferation of Water Hyacinth
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is intending to release a targeted fund to augment removal of water hyacinth and other alien plants from backwaters in the Kuttanad region in Kerala, if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the steps taken towards addressing the rapid proliferation of water hyacinth and other fast spreading species from lakes and inland waters in the said region?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. At present there is no proposal with this Ministry to release a targeted fund to augment removal of water hyacinth and other alien plants from backwaters in the Kuttanad region in Kerala. Further, Irrigation Department, Kerala has also intimated that it does not have a targeted fund solely for removal of water hyacinths and other alien plants from backwaters of Kerala and problem of rapid proliferation is addressed by the periodic removal of such weeds in the boat routes, subject to availability of funds.

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